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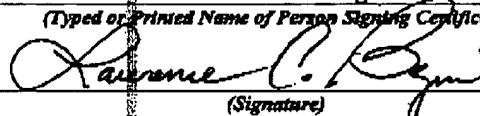
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Dear Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTARY AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the teleconference with Examiner Amiri on March 24, 2003, Applicant has herein adopted the recommendations of the Examiner with regard to the drawings, specification, and claims. The drawings have been amended to add the suggested reference numerals, and the specification has been amended to conform with the changes to the drawings. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, thereby better defining the scope of the invention.

**In the Drawings:**

Included herewith are proposed drawings incorporating the changes requested by the Examiner in the teleconference of March 24, 2003. In particular, Applicant has added one or both of reference numerals 20 and 22 to Figures 1(a) and 1(b), Figure 2, Figures 3(a) and 3(b), and to Figures 4(a) and 4(b) referring respectively to the "linear" portion of the inner peripheral wall between the first and second supporting protrusions, and to the line defined by the contact points between each of the thin-walled members and the peripheral wall.